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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Communication mailed March 08, 2005, and to supplement Applicants' response of October 27, 2004, which was in response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed May 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Communication was initially due April 08, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to June 08, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, postcard;
- Copy of Applicants' response of October 27, 2004.